November 1, 2016

24/7 WINTER SHELTER ACCESS FOR HOMELESS DURING EXTREME WEATHER CONDITIONS

Los Angeles County has been forecasted to have a number of storms in the next week and with the winter season approaching, there is a likelihood of more rain over the next several weeks.

Our providers give those who are experiencing homelessness a safe, warm shelter with food and comfort during the winter season. While the standard operating period for the winter shelter program is from December 1 through February 28, due to the fact that we are seeing weekly storms in October, it is essential that we prepare to have shelters open to those who are in need.

Opening a 24/7 shelter in all eight service planning areas (SPAs) for up to ten days prior to December 1 would cost a maximum of \$260,000. The criteria for opening the shelters would be based on one or more of the following: (1) low temperature forecast of 45 degrees Fahrenheit or below; (2) 40 percent chance or greater of rain or thunderstorms; (3) high wind advisory.

WE, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors direct the Chief Executive Officer, in coordination with the Director of the Homeless Initiative, and the Office of Emergency Management, to identify \$260,000 in one time funds and allocate to the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority, if necessary through a budget adjustment, to open 24/7 winter shelters in all eight SPAs during torrent conditions listed above.

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